

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for outputting protected useful data in a vehicle, the method comprising:

granting a usage authorization of the data in the vehicle as a function of one of a road traveled and an area traveled.

2. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is encrypted data.

3. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting the useful data via a radio signal into the vehicle.

4. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing the useful data on a storage medium in the vehicle.

5. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting the usage authorization via a radio signal into the vehicle.

6. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing the usage authorization on a storage medium in the vehicle.

7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining using a navigation system whether the vehicle is located inside the area for which a usage authorization was granted.

8. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1, further comprising electronically debiting a fee for the usage authorization as soon as one of (a) the useful data is played back, (b) a specific area is traveled and (c) a specific road is traveled.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising checking in a rights analysis unit, which is coupled to a playback unit, whether a usage right exists for the useful data to be played back.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising decrypting the useful data in the rights analysis unit.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
transmitting a decoding key from the rights analysis unit to the playback unit; and
decrypting the useful data in the playback unit using the decoding key.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising granting the usage right with a time restriction.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising granting the usage right for a specific road type.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the usage right is granted for toll roads of an operating company.

15. (Withdrawn) A system for outputting encrypted useful data in a vehicle comprising:

a playback unit; and

a rights analysis unit, coupled to the playback unit, for checking whether one of a location-dependent and a road-dependent usage right exists for the encrypted useful data to be played back, so that the useful data can be played back, and for checking whether the vehicle is located one of (a) in an area and (b) on a road for which a usage authorization exists.

16. (Withdrawn) The system according to claim 15, further comprising a navigation system coupled to the rights analysis unit for determining current location data of the vehicle.

17. (New) A system for outputting protected useful data in a vehicle comprising:

a playback unit; and

a rights analysis unit, coupled to the playback unit, for checking whether one of a location-dependent and a road-dependent usage right exists for the protected useful data to be played back, so that the useful data can be played back, and for checking whether the vehicle is located one of (a) in an area and (b) on a road for which a usage authorization exists.

18. (New) The system according to claim 17, further comprising a navigation system coupled to the rights analysis unit for determining current location data of the vehicle.